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Letter dated 23 June 2008 from the Acting Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Chairman of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission to the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Security Council and the President of the Economic and Social Council

We have the honour to refer to the recommendations of the biannual review of the implementation of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi (PBC/2/BDI/9).

On 23 June 2008, the Government of Burundi and the Peacebuilding Commission conducted the first biannual review of the implementation of the Strategic Framework and its Monitoring and Tracking Mechanism, which were adopted, respectively, on 20 June and 5 December 2007. The review noted that significant progress has been made in meeting several commitments contained in the Framework. However, additional efforts are needed, particularly in addressing the pressing issues of promotion of good governance; a comprehensive ceasefire agreement between the Government of Burundi and Palipehutu-Forces nationales de libération; security-sector reform· justice, promotion of human rights, and action to combat impunity; and the land issue and socio-economic recovery.

The biannual review meeting resulted in the adoption of succinct recommendations to the Government of Burundi, the United Nations, the international community and the Peacebuilding Commission. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the Peacebuilding Commission founding resolutions (General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005)), we would like to draw your attention to the recommendations addressed to the international community for follow-up action. In particular, attention is drawn to the recommendation contained in paragraph 28 pertaining to the mobilization and coordination of international assistance to Burundi.

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The Peacebuilding Commission reiterates its determination to provide unflagging support to Burundi in the consolidation of peace with a view to securing a future that is free from fear and free from want.

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